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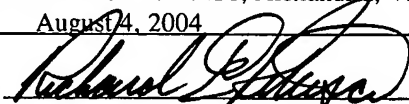
## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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PLUG-IT PRODUCTS CORPORATION****Examiner: HOOK, James F.****Serial No.: 10/770,722****Art Unit: 3752****Filed: 3 February 2004****For: AN INFLATABLE PIPE PLUG****Atty Dkt.: 5084****Mail Stop Response - No Fee  
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RICHARD ESTY PETERSON, ESQ.**ELECTION TO REQUIREMENT OF RESTRICTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.142 AND  
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.98**

Election:

Applicant respectfully elects the apparatus claims, herein claims 1 - 4, and withdraws the method claims 5 and 6 pursuant to the Examiner's requirement for election set forth in the Office communication, dated July 22, 2004. The election is made without traverse and without prejudice to filing a divisional application prior to issuance of the subject application, or a continuation application in the event the claims of the current application are finally rejected without appeal.



## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant submits the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement on forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B. The cited patent references were pertinent references cited in prior patents of applicant. The 2001 Product Catalog of PLUG-IT PRODUCTS is a prior catalog of applicant's exclusive licensee.

Applicant's licensee, under applicant's direction, has fabricated plugs with ridges molded into the outer surface and has fabricated wrapped plugs with an outer nylon cloth wrap to provide a surface texture. However, the combination of a series of alternating raised ribs and textured bands is a novel combination of the features of the two different prior art plugs that provides improved gripping and is believed patentable.

Respectfully submitted,

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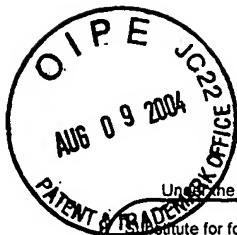
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